

Remarks

1. Summary of Office Action

In the office action mailed June 15, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 1-6 and 14-24, the Examiner rejected claims 7 and 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over a combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,728,365 (Li) and U.S. Patent No. 6,765,909 (Sen), and the Examiner objected to claims 8 and 13 as depending from a rejected base claim but indicated that claims 8 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

2. Status of the Claims

Applicant has cancelled claims 7 and 9-12. In addition, Applicant has rewritten claims 8 and 13 in independent form, incorporating the limitations of claim 7 from which they depended. (Applicant has also deleted an extraneous instance of the word "further" from claim 13.)

Now pending are claims 1-6, 8, and 13-24, of which claims 1-6 and 14-24 are allowed and claims 8 and 13 are indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicant looks forward to receiving a notice of allowance.

3. Comments on Statements of Reasons For Allowance

Applicant expresses appreciation for the Examiner's allowance of the present application. In addition, Applicant respectfully notes that, in the reasons for allowance, the Examiner paraphrased some of Applicant's claims and mentioned certain elements that appear in only some of Applicant's claims. Applicant understands that the Examiner has thoroughly analyzed and examined all of the allowed (and allowable) claims in view of the prior art of record and has concluded that all of the allowed (and allowable) claims, in their respective entirety as written, recite patentable subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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